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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
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Director

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INTERESTED AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

RE: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROGRAM

Dear Interested Party:

The Draft EIR for the **San Bernardino County General Plan Update Program (SCH# 2005101038)** is available for public review and comment. The purpose of the document is to identify and describe the probable environmental impacts that would result from the proposed project which includes the following: (1) Update the County General Plan text and maps; (2) adopt thirteen Community Plans (Bear Valley, Bloomington, Crest Forest, Hilltop, Homestead Valley, Joshua Tree, Lake Arrowhead, Lytle Creek, Lucerne Valley, Morongo Valley, Muscoy, Oak Glen and Phelan/Piñon Hills); and (3) update the County Development Code implementing the General Plan.

This document has been prepared to meet the State requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The Draft EIR has been prepared under the supervision of the County of San Bernardino Land Use Services Department.

The Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations:

San Bernardino County
Land Use Services Department
Advance Planning Division
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 1st Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

San Bernardino County
Land Use Services Department
Big Bear Office
477 Summit Blvd.
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
8 a.m. to noon; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

San Bernardino County
Land Use Services Department
Twin Peaks Office
26010 State Highway 189
Twin Peaks, CA 92391
8 a.m. to noon; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

San Bernardino County
Land Use Services Department
Victorville Office
15456 Sage St.
Victorville, CA 92392
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

San Bernardino County
Land Use Services Department
Yucca Valley Office
57407 Twentynine Palms Outer Hwy South
Yucca Valley, CA 92248
8 a.m. to noon; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Draft EIR will be available via the Internet at the County branch libraries located in the following communities:

Adelanto	Crestline	Loma Linda	Trona
Apple Valley	Fontana	Lucerne Valley	29 Palms
Barstow	Grand Terrace	Mentone	Wrightwood
Big Bear	Hesperia	Montclair	Yucaipa
Bloomington	Highland	Needles	Yucca Valley
Chino	Joshua Tree	Rialto	
Chino Hills	Lake Arrowhead	Running Springs	

City libraries with Internet capability may also be used to review the Draft EIR.

The text of the Draft EIR is also posted on the San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department web page at www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices or at www.sbcountygeneralplan.net, a special web site that was developed for this project. The General Plan Update Program is being heard by the Planning Commission in six separate hearings. These hearings are scheduled for the following dates: August 24, 2006, September 7, 2006, September 21, 2006, October 5, 2006, October 19, 2006 and December 7, 2006. The Draft EIR will be considered by the Planning Commission at the December 7th hearing. If all hearings and proposed actions are completed on time, this project will be heard by the Board of Supervisors in late December.

As required by the Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a 45-day public review and comment period has been established for the Draft EIR. **All comments on the Draft EIR should be received by the County on or before October 23, 2006.** Comments should be addressed to:

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Attn: James Squire

Sincerely,



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